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SUBJECT: Guidelines Regarding the Bilingual Dictionary  
Accommodation for English Language Proficiency  
Assessments

Beginning with the 2006-2007 assessments, limited English proficient (LEP) students taking English language proficiency tests will not be allowed to use bilingual dictionaries during testing. In the past, this accommodation was allowed because the reading subtest of the Stanford English Language Proficiency (SELP) Test was used as a substitute for the Standards of Learning (SOL) Reading tests. The SELP Test is no longer allowed as a substitute test for the SOL Reading test.

If you have questions, please contact the Division of Assessment and Reporting at [darfax@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:darfax@doe.virginia.gov) or (804) 225-2107.

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